

# New Hampshire's Chocolate & Martini Tour

Cashmere and pearls. Champagne and caviar. Martinis and chocolate. Each of these pairings suggests a mood, memories and great company, and martinis and chocolate suggest the makings for a fantastic getaway.



You could spend many nights sampling a delightfully-varied array of crème de cacao and vodka combinations in the great bars of New Hampshire's Seacoast – from **Roosevelt's at Wentworth** (their signature Stoli and Kahlua martini and the molten chocolate cake dripping with Valhrona are out of this world) to the Espresso Hazelnut and the rest of the martini menu at **Green Monkey** on Pleasant Street in downtown Portsmouth. Just around the corner on State Street, sample exceptional chocolates at **Byrne & Carlson**, produced in small batches using the finest ingredients.

From the coast, head west on Route 101 to **Cotton** in Manchester, the perennial “best martini” winner of the annual readers’ survey from New Hampshire Magazine. The New York Times and Bon Appétit have already discovered this gem, thanks to Chef Jeff Paige’s perfect blend of comfort food and retro décor. Stop at Manchester’s **Van Otis Chocolate Factory** for their award-winning Swiss fudge and other candies.



Continue west on Route 101 and head north on Route 12 to reach Walpole, home to **L.A. Burdick**. Come hungry and check out the restaurant attached to the chocolate shop on Main Street. The historic **Walpole Inn**, just up the road, serves great martinis in the lounge and is open to non-staying guests for lunch and dinner. While in Walpole, stop at **Bellows House Bakery** for one of their famous Whoopie Pies.



Turn around and head back the same way you arrived. This time be sure to stop in Keene, home to terrific tax-free shopping, a great arts scene and **Twenty One Bar & Grill** specializing in a tasty variety of martinis. Finally, make your way back east on Route 101 and stop at **Unbridled Chocolates** in Marlborough. Be sure to taste the rich, handmade Belgian chocolate bonbons, and browse their selection of natural herbal chocolates.



If you have time for a longer trip, don't miss the world's longest candy counter at **Chutters** in Littleton, **Swan Chocolates** in Nashua, **AvaMarie's** in Peterborough, **Granite State Candies** in Concord and **Kellerhaus**, New Hampshire's oldest candy and ice cream maker, in Weirs Beach. Make a long weekend of it, drink responsibly, drive safely and taste your way through New Hampshire!

*Remember to always drink responsibly and drive safely, wherever your travels may take you.*